

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

*God is...Peace*

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Excerpts from The Belhar Confession

**We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged and that God calls the church to follow in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, standing where the Lord stands. We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things,**

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OFFERTORY

*Do Not Be Afraid*  
Chancel Choir

Sally Anne Morris

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Janna Simon

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 248

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion, Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

*A Trumpet Fancy*

Leon Nelson

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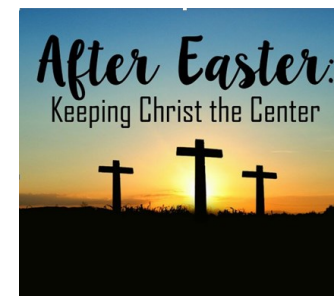
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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing*

Jane Holstein

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE HOLOCAUST

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: My heart is glad!

**All: My soul rejoices, and my body rests secure!**

One: For you do not abandon me.

**All: You give me counsel.**

One: You are at my right hand. You show me the path of life. Your presence is sheer joy.

**All: You are my God; apart from you, I have no goodness within me. Blessed is your name!**

\*HYMN # 238

*Thine Is the Glory*

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou over death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

**Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou over death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting. Refrain**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Jesus, Savior, Resurrected Messiah,**

**we come before you from different paths:**

**some of us certain of your joyful presence in our lives,**

**some of us not so certain of the hope of being touched by your joy.**

**Yet we are all here, reaching out to you:**

**for understanding, for hope, for joy, for all that is imperishable.**

**Meet us here, today, in all your power and consolation. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Dempster

We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the "Children's Corner" after the "Children's Message." An Adult will be sitting with the children, and age appropriate activities will be provided for children that go along with worship. Parents, please pick up your children after the service.

\*HYMN # 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

verse 1

**Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Refrain.**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

### **Sunday, April 16**

Counters: Hal Bowman, Richard Brinkley  
Usher: Guy San Fratello  
Greeters: Ben & Dallene Smith  
Acolyte: Abby Dempster  
Children's Message: Mary Dempster  
Children's Corner: Marion W. Wishart

### **Next Sunday, April 23**

Counters: Mark Dillard, Carol Griffith  
Usher: Fred Holbrook  
Greeters: Shelagh Wirth, Karan Bundrick  
Acolyte: Hadessa Wright  
Children's Message: Melanie Mixon  
Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

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### **SESSION MEMBERS**

\*indicates chair  
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**Class of 2023:**  
Karan Bundrick - Worship  
Mark Dillard - Congregational Care\*  
Banks Robinson - Fellowship\*  
Mark Wishart - Fellowship  
**Class of 2024:**  
Hal Bowman - Administration  
Richard Brinkley - Buildings & Grounds  
Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds\*  
**Class of 2025:**  
Fred Holbrook - Administration\*  
Ed Keelen - Christian Education\*  
Sharon Staton - Missions\*  
Sharon Watkins - Worship\*  
**Oncoming/Returning Elders:** Banks Robinson,  
Liz Harris, Kathy Keane, John Carter  
**Trustees:** Jim Wilhide, Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard, **On coming Trustee:** Carol Griffith

**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

**Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):**  
Mary Johnson

**Office Hours:**  
**Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

### **This week at SOPC:**

**Sunday, April 16, 2023**  
9:45 am - Adult SS Classes  
9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes  
11:00 am - Worship  
2:00 pm - Elder Training - Session Room  
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution  
5:30 pm Youth - No meeting tonight

**Monday, April 17, 2023**  
6:30 pm - Session Meeting - In Person  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**  
9:30 am - Staff meeting  
7:00 pm - Yoga - Fellowship Hall  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Wednesday, April 19, 2023**  
5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion  
7:30 - Choir Practice  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**Friday, April 21, 2023**  
6:45 am - Lanterns

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**  
9:00 am - Scout Troop 91 - Fellowship Hall

**Stay connected! If you would like to receive emails and/or texts from SOPC, please text the letters SOPC to the number 84576.**

*If you have information to be included in the weekly bulletin or newsletter, please have it to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!*

### **LIKE US ON...**



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### **Welcome!**

**Masked and Socially distanced seating:** There are two pews marked as reserved in the sanctuary to the far right front close to the side exit for those preferring masking and social distancing. If you need assistance please ask an usher. Masks are available in narthex/lobby.

**Hearing impaired equipment** available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Nursery:** A nursery is available in Building A during Sunday School and Worship for ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions please see an usher for help.

**Worship bags:** Parents can pick up worship bags in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 3 - 5th grades. (sanctuary near the restrooms).

**Guests are invited to stop by the Guest Table** in the narthex. Please leave your information, when you take a goody bag, as a reminder of God's love.

**Flowers:** Members donated Easter Lilies to the Glory of God last week. If you didn't get your lily on Easter, please pick up your lily today. Any left over in the sanctuary after worship today, will be planted in the mailbox garden by the office.

**Music Notes:** The prelude is adapted from two Easter hymns, the first of which opens with the words, "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world the glad news we bring: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!" The choir's anthem draws from Isaiah 43.

**Did you know?** The Lyrics are printed in the bulletin for the purpose of allowing our online worshippers to sing with us during worship. For those worshipping in the sanctuary, you are invited to utilize the hymnbooks in the pews! We welcome all to sing, dance and rejoice this Easter season!



**April**  
Word of the Month  
**Triune God**

### **In our continued prayers...**

John Anderson Al Charles  
Joe Gause Ira Leon  
Jim Mullins Ron Kesterson  
Monroe Swearingen Rev. Barry Shatzer  
Kirk Wirth Tara and John Whitfield

Our Ukraine Family  
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)  
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz  
**Long Term Care** - Dave, Rich & Sam Allen,  
Edith Blanchett, Kathie Cashion, Patricia Williams.  
**If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.**

### **Announcements**

**Love Revolution:** Bring a dish today from 3:30 - 5:30 pm to serve our neighbors in Christ. We need you!!!

**Youth** will not meet tonight, Sunday, April 16. Happy Spring Break.

**ReShape** - The ReShape Group met with the Session Chairs last Monday to review the status of our action items and strategic thinking. We completed five additional Action items since our last meeting (see the ReShape bulletin board) and are actively working on an additional 14. Current topics of interest include music diversity and copyright restrictions, intergenerational programming, and training of all forms.

**Care Givers Group** will meet in the Fellowship Classroom, Monday, April 24 @ 2:00 pm. Mark your calendars for a luncheon provided by Jenny Fogle at the May meeting. All are welcome to attend.

**Cuban Women's Project** join us on Saturday, April 29, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, to work on this project. Questions contact Kitsie Miller, 803-463-6958.

**SOPC Women** and friends will join together to tour Columbia Historical Homes on Saturday, April 22. Cost \$45 which includes lunch. Brochures are in the narthex. Please contact Dallene Smith for more information.

**Ladies Luncheon** will meet tomorrow, Monday, April 17 @ 12 noon at The Olive Garden. Please let Jeanne LeBeouf, [jlebeouf@sc.rr.com](mailto:jlebeouf@sc.rr.com), know you will be attending, as Margaret is out of town.

**Lifeline Screening** will be at SOPC on Friday, June 2, 2023 to do health screenings for anyone in the community, who are 50+. Register @ [ilsa.social/hc](https://www.ilsa.social/hc) or call 1 800 640 6307.

**VBS** will be Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Mary Dempster or Marion Wishart. Registration forms will be available soon.

**Holocaust Remembrance Day:** In our Presbyterian Calendar, April 18th is set aside as a day to remember the unimaginable losses of the Holocaust. Across the world the 'official' day to honor this is January 27th.

We are invited on this day to recall that the history of Christian relationships with Jews has both its bright spots and its dark corners. We bear the shame of our fellow Christians whose long teaching of contempt toward the Jews and whose complicity with Nazi policies led to the deaths of millions. But we also claim as our own the righteous Gentiles who stood up to the horror and the Christians who laid the foundations for a Jewish homeland and survival. Today, we honor them.

**Sermon Series:** God is.... Is a sermon series delving into the ways God shows up in our lives and in the world around us. This sermon series will challenge us to open our eyes to the challenges and joys of life and truly look with eyes to see God in our midst. Come along!